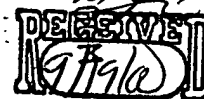


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1. (Amended) A control device for controlling a system, comprising:
 - a plurality of activatable modules, each of the activatable modules having a respective corresponding priority value;
 - a scheduler activating the activatable modules as a function of the respective corresponding priority [values] value of each of the activatable modules to provide activated modules, the activated modules generating data by analyzing states of the system; and
 - a priority manager modifying the respective corresponding priority value of each of at least one of the activatable modules individually.